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SUBJECT: VELASCO'S STATEMENT REGARDING AMBASSADOR SIRACUSA
AND ORTIZ.

1.FOLLOWING IS REUTER'S DISPATCH FROM LIMA NOV. 13 APPEARING
IN WASHINGTON POST, NOV. 14. QUOTE: PERUVIAN PRESIDENT
JUAN VELASCO ALVARADO SAID TONIGHT THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
HAD QUIETLY EXPELLED SEVERAL CIA AGENTS INCLUDING A SENIOR
U.S. EMBASSY OFFICIAL, SINCE TAKING OVER IN 1968.

ANSWERING PRESS QUESTIONS, GENERAL VELASCO SAID: "WITHOUT
ANY SCANDAL AND WITHOUT PUBLICITY, WE INVITED THE
AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW SEVERAL MEMBERS
OF THE CIA FROM THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE NUMBER TWO AT
THE EMBASSY, NAMED SIRACUSA, AND A CERTAIN ORTIZ."

(ERNEST V. SIRACUSA WAS DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION IN PERU IN
THE LATE 60'S AND FRANK V. ORTIZ JR. WAS SUPERVISOR OF
THE POLITICAL SECTION, ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT LISTS,
WHICH SHOW BOTH OF THEM SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED TO URUGUAY.)
UNQUOTE.

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